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SUBJ NOTIFICATION TO JEWISH COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITY
TO EMIGRATE

REFS; A) BUCHAREST 2765; B) BUCHAREST 2915

FOR AMBASSADOR BARNES FROM ARMITAGE

1. REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF JUST WHAT JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS BEEN TOLD ABOUT OPPORTUNITY TO EMIGRATE. WE NOTE IN REF A THAT RABBI ROSEN TOLD YOU JUNE 22 THAT "HE HAD DECIDED TO EXCEED HIS AUTHORIZATION AND HAD TOLD COMMUNITY LEADERS TO REGISTER NOT ONLY THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SOUGHT TO EMIGRATE BUT ALSO THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO DO SO FOR THE FIRST TIME (ONLY TO KEEP THOSE NAMES ON A SEPARATE LIST)." HE THEN REPORTED TO YOU ON JUNE 28 THAT THE "POOL OF PERSONS WISHING TO EMIGRATE AT THIS TIME IS RELATIVELY SMALL" (REF B). PRESUMABLY THIS POOL SHOULD INCLUDE BOTH THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IN THE PAST AND THOSE WHO ARE ASKING TO LEAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

2. HOWEVER, WE NOTE FROM LEVY REPORT OF THE JUNE 20
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BUCHAREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICE THAT INVITATION TO APPLY WAS

ISSUED ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY TRIED TO EXIT BUT
FAILED. WE HAVE HEARD THIS ALSO FROM FORMAN OF B'NAI
B'RITH GROUP WHO ALSO ATTENDED THE SYNAGOGUE SERVICE.

3. IT IS, THEREFORE, OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE THREE
HUNDRED PLUS REPORTING TO SYNAGOGUE FROM BUCHAREST AND
ESTIMATED 300-400 FROM PROVINCES (REF B) REPRESENT PAST
APPLICANTS REFUSED PERMISSION AND ARE NOT INDICATIVE IN
ANY WAY OF TOTAL NUMBER JEWS NOW SEEKING TO LEAVE. INGERSOLL

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